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WHILE we on this side of the world, were seeking our rest and change, it is quite touching to read in these pages, how our missionaries on the other side, passed their vacation days. Some in feudal cities of Japan dispensing the Bread of Life to waiting listeners, others on hill-sides of India, seeking out lowly untutored hearts, to tell of the better way, and the love that "passeth understanding." We ask for these letters, a careful reading, that they may incite the ready sympathy, and loving service which they merit.

You do not know, says one, and I cannot tell you, how precious is every moment here in India, where the need is so great. I find at each step of the way, more than enough to fill heart and hands; time and strength fail each day, long before I have accomplished all that I want to do.

Our pupils are often very grateful to us for teaching them to sew, and to read, and thus giving them pleasant, and useful employment for their leisure hours. Now by the side of their hairpins, and jewels for their hair, lie their books and work, and they are happier for it, and so are we, for the joy we give to others.

The people in the country places in Japan are eager to learn of the "Jesus Way," and we have many calls to teach them about the new religion. Many now are under instruction, who will go out, prepared to sow the seed of the Word.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

A FAMILY OF THE WARRIOR CLASS.

Letter from DR. ADALINE KELSEY.

FOR a year I had promised to visit O'Kaku San's home with her, for the purpose of adding my influence to lead her people, out of darkness into the light. After a tedious journey by land and water, sowing the good seed, and encouraging some believers on the way, we arrived at a place, more than 500 miles from Yokohama, where no American or European, is within a radius of twenty-five miles. The day we arrived was the first anniversary of O'Kaku San's grandmother's death. A Shinto priest was here, and he with the family, were worshipping a tablet, with the departed one's name written upon it. O'Kaku San had not visited her home nor seen any of her people for ten years. She had long been feeling anxious about their souls' welfare—and had done all she could by writing, to lead them in a better way; but here we found them in the midst of a heathen ceremony. All we could do, was to lift up our hearts in humble petitions to the Giver of all good, that their souls might receive light. The father, mother, sisters were all overjoyed to see her once more, after so many years' absence, and they welcomed me with true Japanese hospitality, and were anxious to do every possible thing, for my comfort. Our one desire is, that God will use us, for the conversion of this family. We brought Mr. Sudo, the father, a copy of the Bible; the Old Testament he has never seen, as it has only just been completed in Japanese. We pointed out to him, the references to false teachers, and told him that God knew they would come into the world, and so He had warned us in His Word to beware

of them. We are now making out a list of references for him to study. 1st. The Messianic prophecies and their fulfillment. 2d. Warnings against false teachers. 3d. Texts proving that Christ is God. 4th. Texts to prove the necessity of our acceptance of Christ, as the *Son of God*. We have been to see Kaku's great aunt, eighty-eight years old—a fine looking old lady but very feeble and totally blind. I would not have missed the meeting between her and Kaku for much; it was beautiful to witness the affection of each, for the other.

The Sudo family belong to the Samurai or warrior class, of old feudal times. Mr. Sudo was once a Government officer, and rich; he is now poor, but is still a man of influence, and greatly respected. I feel more and more, my own inability to reach or influence the family, but if the Lord only uses us, He can and will bring a blessing here. Yesterday, the mother burnt her idols! and says she is determined to be a follower of Christ, if only He will accept one so ignorant.

The oldest daughter, says she too is determined to be Christ's disciple. She fully realizes the hardships she may have to meet, but God can make it easier than she thinks.

The mother told the younger daughter, sixteen years old, why I had taken this long, hard journey, at such great expense. The dear child was filled with surprise, and wonder—and thought that if a stranger and foreigner, would do so much for their welfare, surely they ought to consider it important. With quick impulsive resolution, she said "Well, no matter what my father says, I am going to seek Christ." The father has been trying to get her to read his Unitarian books, but my heart is light, and I can pray with more faith that God will lead him even into the Truth.

Mr. Sudo is so good, kind, and generous, that he is extolled by all, and nearly worshipped by his family, and I can see how hard it is for him to feel the need of a personal Saviour. We have had a long talk with him about St. Paul. He came to my room, and began the conversation, by asking about a picture of Bible scenes which I had pinned up there. These

prints are a great help to us, in interesting the people, for they attract the eye, and lead to questions, which open the subject in a natural way. All the Japanese men we talk with, are interested in St. Paul.

This morning the son-in-law, an honest and moral man, was telling of a jailor in Yokohama who had defrauded the Government, and fearing detection he resigned, and went to Hakodate. There he heard the Gospel from the missionaries, was converted, and became a true disciple. His conscience troubled him, so he made a full confession to the authorities, but because of his frankness he was released, and many are impressed with the reality of a religion, that can so change the heart of man. Mr. Sudo's son-in-law is one of these, and says he wants to be a Christian. There is a large force of soldiers garrisoned here, and a Christian Colonel came in person, to ask me to talk to the wives of the officers on Physiology. All, except two or three, were opposed to Christianity, and he said if I were to speak first on that subject, the women would never come again. I asked the Lord to give me a message to them, that should make them more favorably inclined to the Truth. The Colonel and his wife are devoted Christians.

To-night we give a talk to some women in the Aomori church. Three years ago a few Christians and a native pastor formed a nucleus for a little church, which now numbers forty members. A revival has added sixty more, who are studying, preparatory to uniting with the church.

O'Kaku San's mother and sister go with us to the church for the first time to-night.

We had a good service at the military General's house one evening. There were present a number of officers and their wives, the Prince of Aomori, some unbelievers, and a few Christians.

May 1st.—We have held another meeting in the Aomori church. There were fifty women present, who listened eagerly for two hours, while we talked about Daniel and his three friends, and the Lord Jesus who was with them.

• These people know so very little of God or His Word, that it is hard to know what to tell them first, before they can have an intelligent idea of God and His love. They are not conscious of sin or the need of a Saviour. All this they must be taught.

We have seen Kaku's aged aunt a number of times, and have been able to point her to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. She is—in feebleness of body and mind, but in simple, child-like trust—looking to Him, as her great hope for eternal blessedness. To-day she told us, that she now worships Christ every day. She was greatly troubled because she could not remember His name, and asked “Will He hear me when I forget His name?” We comforted her by telling her that she need not be troubled if she worshipped only Him, the God who made, and who saves her.

In answer to O'Kaku San's earnest inquiries, about her grandmother's last days on earth, she learned something that gives her great comfort. For several days before the grandmother died, she was unable to speak although perfectly conscious, but the last day she pointed continually to one corner of the room. The Shintoists believe, that the spirit of the parents or other loved ones, comes to guide a departing soul. So the mother asked the dying grandmother, if she saw her mother or father.

She shook her head, “No,” but all this time, ineffable happiness was shining from the dying face. This was looked upon as very strange, because the Japanese fear death, and happiness is far from them in that hour. The grandmother had heard a little of Christ, and every day—ignorantly indeed, but truly—she had worshipped Him. Once more they asked her “Is it God whom you see?” The dying grandmother smiled and bowed her head—“It is.” We believe that the loved grandmother is safe with the Lord, and we tell the family that if she could speak to them, she would use all the persuasion of her loving spirit, to induce them to give up all for Jesus, her Lord.

May 3d.—A hundred loving friends were gathered at the wharf to see us off at 10 o'clock last night. Our hearts are full of deep thankfulness for what the Lord has done and our prayer is—"May God bless Aomori and all its people."

VISIT TO A FEUDAL TOWN.

Letter from MRS. PIERSON.

THE brief Spring and Winter vacations afford an opportunity for evangelistic work which I am glad to improve.

I went in April to Milo, an old town, about two hundred miles from Yokohama. It is the residence of many aristocratic families, who have until quite recently, opposed all foreign innovations as well as the progress of Christianity. Now they have oscillated to the other extreme, in favor of change, and we found a small company of believers and a resident pastor.

Three of our Bible-women accompanied me, and it was well that they did, for the work was pressing and the time short. We remained part of the week and held meetings at private residences, and in the building used for church services. There were many inspired to inquire into the truth, and much interest was evinced. When on our way home we met a foreign missionary and native pastor, going to build a hall for the purpose of giving lectures, and so the work will be continued after our departure.

We stopped at Shimosaka on Monday evening and held a meeting, at which a large concourse of people assembled and were evidently eager to hear what we had to offer. There are a few Baptists native Christians at that place. About half of the journey is performed by railroad, and there are one hundred miles of jinricksha riding. We hope to hear that the Holy Spirit has convinced with power many of sin, righteousness and of judgment, leading them to repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus.

During this vacation our staff of Bible-women went in different directions; two of them to the towns on the pass, and two others to Hakone and towns in the vicinity, while some remained at home to continue the work in Yokohama.

The native Union church has increased to such an extent the edifice could not contain all who wished to attend the services, and it has been necessary to build a gallery. Our dear faithful Bible-women, have had their humble part in the good work, and are still employed in seeking souls to win them for Christ, that His kingdom may speedily come.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN.

The Union meeting of native women took place in our church here at Yokohama, the 28th of April. It was a most propitious day and there were about five hundred women present. The meeting began at 9.30 A. M., and closed at 4 P. M. One of our former scholars who is married to an evangelist of the Methodist Church led the morning meeting, and I presided over the afternoon session. The subject was the power of faith—my text Is. 11:40. The prayers, experiences, and remarks, which were offered were intensely interesting and inspiring. It was a day long to be remembered.

DAUGHTERS OF THE NOBILITY.

Letter from MRS. VIELE.

May 10th, 1888.—Last week I visited the “Peers School,” where over two hundred young ladies from five to twenty, the daughters of the peers, are educated. I was much pleased to visit the school, patronized by the Empress, who walks there from her palace, and visits all the rooms. She is very simple, and desires the pupils to wear no jewelry, silk, or expensive clothing in school, and never to dress differently when they expect her. They are required even to continue their lessons, when she is in the room, after the first simple

salute. Not so much bowing is now considered important as formerly ; the customs as well as the costumes, are getting modified. All the pupils wear our English dress, with shoes, and stockings, in school, but when they go to their homes, they change for convenience, to their own native dress. I was glad to see how well they dressed in dark goods, and some of the little ones wore pretty calico aprons. No doubt the Empress has had much to do with the good taste displayed, as the tendency is, when they begin to don foreign attire, to combine all the colors of the rainbow in one dress.

We do not encourage our Japanese girls to change the graceful native dress, for ours they do not know how to make or wear. All the Eurasian girls however wear the foreign dress.

We cannot always see or understand the way, in which God leads us to give, or work for Him, so when "the books are made up," we may have many sweet surprises in finding souls saved through feeble, and indirect efforts. I have, a helpful illustration in a rose bush now blooming in my garden. Two years ago, it had been transplanted, and seemed to be dead. Many times I was tempted to pull it up and throw it away, as not worthy the place it occupied bearing no bud or blossom. What was my delight one day, to see a little green sprout peeping up, then another, and another until the whole bush, became redolent with fragrance, and beauty !

So with these girls who come to us so dull, having so little apparent comprehension. We almost wonder, if it is worth our while, to have them take the place that might be given to those more promising. After a few years of patient working, while we wait, new life and light will dawn upon the dull soul, and lift it out of its natural darkness and indifference. Not unlikely the most unpromising, will become the most promising and useful of the flock, rebuking our want of faith, and teaching us the blessedness of sowing beside *all* waters, not knowing which shall prosper.

FERVOR OF SPIRIT.

Letter from MISS VIELE.

ALTHOUGH Mrs. Pierson has written you of the meeting held by the native women of Japan, yet as it was the first of the kind I had attended, I was so impressed that I would like to add a few words on the subject. The day was one of Japan's brightest, and I found more than five hundred women, were in the Union church, having come from Tokio, and neighboring towns, as well as Yokohama. I would have been glad for the friends at home, to have felt the power of this prayer meeting, for all would have enjoyed the promptness, with which the women took part. Some one was always ready to pray, as soon as one had finished, and often two began in different parts of the house.

Soon after, I attended a conference held three times a year, by the missionaries of Yokohama and Tokio, and we were greatly benefited by the interchange of experiences. We are looking forward to our examinations, and the pupils are working hard, that they may do credit to themselves, and their teachers. One girl said to me "I would prefer remaining at school, during vacation, as my parents will not allow me to keep the Sabbath, if I go home." A teacher from the Government school, in Tokio, gave us a short time ago, a lecture in excellent English on chemistry, and the experiments were very successful. After the lecture, Mrs. Bancroft of California, added to the enjoyment of the evening by singing for us, and then our school choir, under the efficient direction of Mrs. Sharland, rendered two beautiful selections. Our school-house is filled to overflowing on Sunday evenings, when the second Japanese service is held there, as the second Union church service in English is held in the parlor of the Home. The Gospel hymns are led by a particularly sweet voice, among our many good singers, and we believe that many may be led to Christ, through the strains they sing for Him.

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

THE first "REPORT OF THE MARGARET WILLIAMSON HOSPITAL" (for two years ending Dec. 31st, '87) is one which every friend of this work would enjoy reading. As the limited number received, prevents a wide circulation, we reprint the most important portions prepared by

DR. ELIZABETH REIFSNYDER.

STATEMENT OF CASES FOR THE TWO YEARS 1886 AND 1887.

Patients received in the Hospital during the year 1886, 110; patients received in the Hospital during the year 1887, 120; patients treated at the Dispensary during the year 1886, 16,138; new cases treated at the Dispensary during the year 1886, 9,361; prescriptions filled during the year 1886, 26,973; patients treated at the Dispensary during the year 1887, 18,062; new cases treated at the Dispensary during the year 1887, 11,448; prescriptions filled during the year 1887, 26,860. The above statement is for ten months only of each year, the Hospital having been closed during August and September.

HOUSE PATIENTS.

But a very few remarks in reference to this class will be necessary to convey some idea as to their admittance and care. Chinese women leave home with difficulty; this is especially true of the laboring class. If the treatment must of necessity be long, they or their friends (more often the latter) grow impatient; and it is not an unusual thing for the patient to leave as soon as a trifle relieved. If children are admitted, the mother or grandmother or some other relative insists on staying with the child.

All patients if able, are expected to pay for their rice, and eighty cash (about eight cents) per day. Many, however, have not this much, hence there are always a number of charity patients. Many of this class, return sooner or later

and bring some little offering to show their gratitude. Clothing, food, bedding, washing, and nurses are all provided.

Any one who desires to be especially private can be accommodated at the rate of \$1 (Mexican) per day. After all, a bath and clean clothes work wonders. So marked was the transformation in one case, that a man did not recognize his wife, although she persisted in telling him she was that person.

THE DISPENSARY.

As this is by far the greatest part of the work, special mention must be made of it and the plan of procedure explained. Every new patient is registered and all pay 28 cash (about $2\frac{1}{2}$ Mexican cents) if able to do so. The majority of patients come long distances. One dose of medicine would avail but little. Hence enough medicine is given, to last five or seven days. Women walk from five to ten miles; their small feet bring them along very slowly. One poor old woman arriving late, one very busy day, said "I started from home before daybreak and I cannot go away without being seen."

The Dispensary, is open every day except Sundays, and special cases are sometimes seen on these days. Miss McKECHNIE is in charge of the Drug Room, and, with the help of a Chinese assistant, has put up 300 prescriptions a day. Every patient is given a written prescription to take home, and this prescription is the only record that is kept of the treatment of cases in the Dispensary. The highest number seen in one day was on July 4th, 1887, when 196 were admitted and 50 refused. The largest *monthly* number was in May of same year, when 3,005 were treated and 4,400 prescriptions filled.

HOSPITAL NURSES AND ASSISTANTS.

It has been almost impossible to get good, reliable women to help in the work. School-girls have the education, but no sooner are they of use, than their friends marry them off. They must also be carefully guarded. One young girl having a dose of medicine to give at a certain hour went to give it,

but not returning, search was made and she was found outside the patient's door, and would not go in on account of the presence of the son of the sick woman. *Intelligent widows* are most desirable, but they are very scarce. Notwithstanding all these difficulties, there are *three* very faithful assistants now in connection with this work. One devotes herself mainly to the ward patients, relieved when necessary; one assists Miss McKECHNIE in the Drug Room, and one assists in the Consulting and Treatment Room. .

EVANGELICAL WORK.

Hundreds come, hear the Truth, perhaps understand it, go away, and are never seen afterwards; others come again and again, in fact the majority do so—and there is no question but what some knowledge is gained in reference to the True God. What the result of all this seed-sowing—for the most of the teaching is but such—who can tell? The Bible Reader who speaks daily to the waiting patients, is a woman of rare abilities, and has the faculty of speaking most simply, yet most forcibly. After the Dispensary patients are gone, she goes into the wards, and by the bedside continues her Gospel work.

The day's work is begun with prayer at 8 A. M., while a Bible Class meets every Friday night. These services the house patients usually attend, if able, but attendance is entirely optional. The class was organized for the benefit of the Christians in connection with the Hospital; gradually the patients joined, until it has become almost a privilege to be one of the number.

The President of the Committee reports :

At the request of Dr. REIFSNYDER, a Committee of Ladies of Shanghai was formed for the purpose of advising with and aiding her. This Committee holds monthly meetings at the Hospital, and two of its members inspect the Institution every week. The Committee can bear witness to the zeal and untiring energy and devotion with which Dr. REIFSNYDER and Miss

McKECHNIE have carried on this work ; but the strongest proof of this is to be found in the success of the Institution, as evidenced by the details of the Report.

It is the opinion of the Committee that this is a most beneficent undertaking, and that there is no surer way of reaching the hearts of the Chinese, and demonstrating to them the blessings of Christianity, than by following the example of the Great Teacher in healing the sick ; and they can conscientiously recommend the Institution to the charitably-disposed of all countries, as one in every way worthy of their support.

THE DAILY CROWD.

Letter from DR. MARY GALE.

MAY is the busiest time of the year. The harvest is over, and a new planting not yet begun, so the people have time to attend to their bodily ills. Bodies as compared with pockets, are quite unimportant, but now the crowd of ill-smelling humanity gathers daily, and one wonders at the patience of the Bible-woman, as she tries to hold their attention, and of the Doctor, as she listens to their voluble tales. When the woman's friends chime in, and the babies lift up their voices the business becomes fairly tragic. Sometimes the trouble is to get them to say anything ; the foreigner's apartments, dress and ways, are an overwhelming surprise, and they forget that they have a back-ache, and that the baby has chills. This is the time when I am sorry not to be able to help, and I think it is a rest to the others that I am preparing to relieve them. One of our Missionary friends said the other day, " Oh I am so thankful that I have a native tongue." You may be thankful too, that you do not have to wait for a work you love, and to urge sinners to believe our religion, until you have mastered some thousands of new impossible sounds. But the obstacle will be overcome in time. I already know 800 characters and can pronounce them very well, so I take heart and press on.

Every bed in the Hospital has been full, for a long time past. The patients come and go with more or less interest, attached to each one. All hear the Word at morning prayers, and at the Bible class, on Friday evening. It is so hard to reach these adults. It takes so long to get the simplest truths about the one God, into their minds.

A lady told me about a woman, who had for a long time been under treatment in a Hospital, and how spiritual needs had been carefully attended to. On the eve of her departure the Doctor hopefully asked her about what she had learned, and if she would now worship the true God. "Oh yes," she said, "she would worship him" and began to make her prostrations to the Doctor's book cases. She thought they were the source of her skill, and must be what she worshipped. You think perhaps that she had not been taught properly, but our Bible-reader, who is a Chinese woman, and a speaker of uncommon ability, putting the truth in a way that delights us by its simplicity—one Sabbath asked a woman if she understood her. She answered "no." Mrs. Tae turned round in despair saying, "I cannot make these people understand anything. Why is it? I think it must be that Satan hath blinded their eyes, that they should not receive the love of the truth."

This afternoon, two amusing things happened. The first which was sad as well, was the outcry of a woman "do a good deed, do a good deed," when the Doctor told her, her eyesight was gone. She thought she must be made to see again. After her a woman came in with a sulky looking boy of twelve. The mother with great earnestness begged for some medicine to make her son good—he would not heed her or his teacher. The Chinese are a hard people to move, but the Lord's power who can resist?

Medical missions are Jesus Christ's own plan :

"The people followed Him, and He received them ; and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed such as had need of healing."

INDIA—CALCUTTA.

CHRIST BEFORE ALL.

Letter from Miss Hook.

May 26th, 1888.—There has been a good deal of agitation of late, on the vexed question of early marriage, and it is hoped that there is an increasing number of the natives themselves, who see the evil of it, and are laboring with their countrymen to have a change. If it will come in our time or not we cannot predict ; but the people must do it themselves if it is ever done, for the Government persistently refuses to interfere with it.

There is another exciting question just now. Government has been giving higher education to the youth of the land, without Christianity. Missionary Colleges for boys, have competed with those of the Government. Now the fruits are appearing. Boys without any religion, are becoming lawless, for Hindooism must fall, before high education. Some months ago the Viceroy proclaimed that Morals must be taught. We are curious to see how they will do it without the Bible. Pundita Ramabai for many reasons is to be admired. She is doubtless sincere, and hopes to do all she proposes, but twice before the same thing has been tried, and utterly failed. Only yesterday I was talking to a Babu who is cultivated, and a philanthropist. He said, the native man suitable to be placed at the head of such a school as she proposes, could not be found, nor would foreign teachers submit to be under him, if he could. Or if that could be accomplished very few widows could be induced to enter the school, and then as soon as they were educated they would marry, if they could, or do worse. An educated Hindoo widow going out to teach her sisters, would be sure to fall. He gave me the result of such a school that Keshub Chunder Sen opened some years ago. Not one widow became a teacher. The few they got all turned Brahmos, and married or worse. His

school was a total failure, and came to an end. If Ramabai could make her schools based on the Bible, she would at first get but few pupils, but they would come out with strength to resist temptation, and might be a blessing to their countrywomen, and if she looked to God the success would come; but if she leaves them in their Hindooism, can she expect God's help? Then I cannot understand how, if she really knows a Saviour, and has tasted of the heavenly Gift, how she can be so anxious to educate, and through that, elevate her sisters, rather than give them the only thing that will comfort and save them in this life, as well as in the life to come.

YOUNG LIVES CONSECRATED.

Letter from MISS GARDNER.

THE very best news I have to tell is, that four of my oldest girls in the Orphanage were baptized lately on confession of their faith. It was good to see them in their pure white clothes, consecrating their young lives to Christ. They were very much in earnest, and I am hopeful that their lives will be filled with service to the Master, to whom they yesterday gave themselves. The oldest was about sixteen, the youngest thirteen. Do not forget to pray for these young people.

Toward the end of the year, I perceived with a grateful heart, a marked change in the tone of the school. Rebellious ones became gentle and tractable, and the sulky ill tempers, disappeared behind pleasant smiles, and courteous deportment, all of which was of course a great cause of comfort and encouragement to me. Yet I was disappointed when the year closed and there had been nothing else. But during the first week of the year, the Spirit did its work of convincing of sin, and leading to Him who is the Saviour from it, and now I know that "He will perfect that which concerneth them," that "having begun the good work He will carry it on." The

material that He has to work with is weak, but His mighty power and grace can make out of it vessels unto honor, "sanctified and meet for the Master's use," and prepared unto every good work. One girl says "I am trying hard, but am often overcome by my temper and suddenly find I have said something I ought not." This was one of the most trying girls last year, but the change is marvellous, for with a proud, overbearing nature, she has become, gentle and sweet. Many of these dear girls are striving to overcome themselves for His sake. It is a victory attended with many scars and bruises, but still a victory.

We earnestly desire for these girls that they may be prepared for their Master's service in this country, especially that they may be able to use the "Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God." To this end, they spend much time in the study of the Bible learning how to use it. I am convinced that what we need in this country to break down superstition and ignorance, to do away with idolatry and false religions, is *the pure Word of God*. I believe there is enough in the Bible, in the Word itself, without comment, to convince of sin, and lead to salvation, if we rightly knew how to handle it. Everywhere to everybody I would tell that "sweet story of old;" but I would leave all higher and advanced education, till there has first been a giving up of the heart to the Great Master.

As a Missionary I would leave all *higher* education of the heathen to outside agency, giving such advantage to native Christians only. I am convinced that education does not lead to Christ, but once there, do everything that can be done to make them useful in His service. It is to this end we are educating these young native Christians at the Orphanage, that they may go out to be a power in the heathen world around them.

INDIA—ALLAHABAD.

VACATION OPPORTUNITY.

Letter from MISS LATHROP.

May 12th, 1888.—We left Allahabad for rest, but finding ourselves surrounded by native people who wish to learn, we allow them to collect every morning on the veranda, and we spend some time with them. One day we went out to find a few of our old friends among the families of the Bengalis, who being in Government offices come yearly to the hills. We found many more than we anticipated, and as they are anxious to be taught, and isolated from friends, are if possible more ready to receive Christian teaching, we feel we ought to go to them regularly. As a rule the enlightened Bengalis are glad to have their wives and daughters learn, but we do occasionally meet with a very bigoted one. Living near several families we visited this week, is a well-to-do man, with a large family of daughters and sons' wives all of whom have a real desire to be taught. Thus far he has kept them away from us, but we hope yet to overcome his prejudices. When we stepped in to see what reply he had given to their last request, they said he had told them, "If they wished to read he would teach them." I wish he would begin. I feel sure if he does, he will be glad in a short time to turn them over to us to save himself trouble. I have however known of Babus learning fancy work and instructing their wives, but this is of rare occurrence.

The system of early marriages bad as it is, and much as we deplore it, is the means the Lord often uses to widen our work. A very young pupil goes to a new region, and thus a centre is formed for us, if she is permitted to go on learning, and we gather others with her, or what is better she gathers them herself, and interests them in what she has learned, from her teachers.

INDIA—CAWNPORE.

SINGING OF JESUS.

Letter from MISS WARD.

Our work is constantly increasing and every now and again, some teacher has something to tell of her particular work which shows that the seed is taking root. One of our young assistants has just been telling me of an old woman to whom she had been singing a hymn saying to her, "We like the tunes you sing to us but like the words better, they tell how Christ suffered for us, and how much He must have loved us." Then she said she prayed to Christ and when asked when and how she prayed she said, "In one of the hymns there is a line, 'Christ will take me on the other side,' and so I asked Him to take me safely on the other side," and again in speaking before several of Christ's death she said "Yes He died for us" showing she knew it was for her. Many of our pupils pray to Jesus and we hope that they will be strengthened to live pure lives for Him and to believe in Him so that at the last we may all meet on "the other side." We found a month since one of our pupils of years ago whom we had lost track of because she moved away when she was married. I went into a new neighborhood and was invited into a house to see a sick woman, and there found our old school girl nearing her end. She told me of her illness, of the death of her "beautiful boy" and she was comforted as I spoke of him as being with Jesus. We went over the Bible verses she learned in school and the hymns. Her face lighted with joy as we spoke of the Saviour of Sinners, and she told me her favorite hymn was one in which pardon for sins is asked and she said she prayed that hymn. I believe she trusted Christ and went to be with Him whom to know is life.

BITS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

Within the last few months we have been going out in the villages in the suburbs of Cawnpore. I have often wanted to do this but never before felt we could leave the work in the city for it. In most of these villages we are *gladly* received, and have already two schools started. In one village of Brahmins they closed their doors to us, so we left them for a time but shall try them again some time in the future. The village people are more simple than those who have come in direct contact with English civilization, and it is pleasant to work for them. If asked what is the most encouraging sign of our work just now, I should say it is that our zenana women are praying to God, and I have been struck by the numerous instances of this which have been lately brought to our notice. One woman said when she looked out and saw the steeple of a Christian church pointing upward, she looked up and felt like praying to God who was above. She prayed that a certain friend might not be taken from her and her prayer was answered. Another said she prayed for forgiveness, and another a dying girl said she prayed that verse in the hymn which says "My faith is in Christ, to pardon my sins." These are bits of encouragement to us.

Lately we have had a wedding for a variety. I wrote some time ago about Nasiban, a widow who came from Allahabad, and was baptized with her baby in our parlor, notwithstanding her old mother opposed it. She has since been living here, part of the time teaching a little, and part of the time earning a support by working in the mills. A young Christian man proposed to marry her. They now live in a little hut, which is in our garden. He is employed in the mills, and gets fair wages, so he does not want his wife to work, but says he will gladly support them all. We hope they will always be as happy, as they are now. I feel rather relieved, now about Nasiban's future.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Good Suggestions.

OFTEN the leaders of our Mission Bands ask for hints and methods of work, so as to ensure the spiritual growth, and permanent success of their members. We print part of a paper prepared for this object, hoping to follow it, with directions on Giving.

It is the privilege of the leader of a Band to strike its keynote, which may be for some, the only spiritual influence that shall come to his or her life. It is of paramount importance that the making of money and clothing, should always subserve the end to teach the heathen of Jesus. The conscientious Band leader has not only this great object in view, but also the education of the Band for Christian work. The prominent feature of every meeting should be Bible study, and prayer, in a brief and simple manner. A leader says, "When you meet in place of Scripture reading 'Our Text' may be recited; a few thoughts given upon it. In this first lesson show how each has a share in honoring Christ's last words. Never let the exercises drag but have your singing spirited, your prayers brief, and to the point, your 'Minutes,' a bird's-eye view of what is said and done, and your offerings made with joy and gladness. Draw out from the members all you give them, closing with a bright rapid review." Bible study can be pursued in the form of questions proposed at one meeting to be answered at the next; such as, Of what Missionaries do we read in the Bible? Do we read of a girl or boy who did not live altogether for self? Do we read of children who loved the Saviour when He was here upon earth? Are there any missionary prayers in the Bible? Where is India mentioned? China? Japan? Africa? Answers may be verbal or written. A question

drawer for the children might be interesting, the questions being answered by the leader. Brevity and variety are indispensable to the life of a Band even with the older ones.

Children can be taught to lead in prayer by repeating a single text of Scripture, by offering "sentence prayers" as "Oh! God may the heathen be given Thy Son for His inheritance" or "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?" or, "Teach the ignorant about Jesus," or "May all flesh see Thy salvation. May starving souls be fed with the bread of life." Break the routine by frequently singing a single verse of a cheerful hymn. Give topics for compositions such as "Christian martyrs," "different religions," "description of geography, history, tribes, productions of different countries, something about heathen gods, forms of worship, sorrows of those who are without the knowledge of the true God."

"Give out your questions in advance, and thus encourage research on the part of the members. If they are advanced enough, give subjects for short papers, like A Story of Paul's Friends, or, The Imprisonments of Paul, or, The Three 'Capitals of Christianity,' Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus. Use a map in your lesson, tracing Paul's journeys. If you have not any, ask some bright school girl or boy to make one."

H. E. B.

Pleasant Testimony.

NOW that we are making an effort, to secure many new subscribers to the MISSIONARY LINK, it is encouraging to read the spontaneous tributes, to the value of our little messenger. One friend writes "I do not hesitate to say, that my interest in the union work as set forth by your paper, exceeds by far that of others. Not that I undervalue any good work, but the degradation of woman, in unchristian countries of the world, cannot fail to rouse our sympathies, and compel Christians to lift them up to the

spiritual hopes and social position of the followers of our Lord."

One from Kentucky writes, "My father a great sufferer on his bed for years, loved the MISSIONARY LINK, knowing all the names and praying for each missionary."

Another in the South tells us, "I received with great pleasure the deeply interesting LINK and having read, send it on its travels from one to another; to those whom I think will appreciate it. Every Christian woman should become a member of your Society and 'The King's Daughters'; the two ought certainly to move the world."

Gifts That Cost.

THE busy scene in our Mission Room, during the packing of our foreign Christmas boxes, brings with it many a thought not easily forgotten. Gifts of touching significance, prove the power of self sacrifice. Of such are some which come from the Invalids' Aux. Some from a sufferer of over eighteen years, are sent "as a token of sympathy between a sufferer here, and the sufferers in the Hospital in China." An invalid mother who is seventy-five years of age also contributes. Knit by a lady in Brooklyn eighty-four years old, are some other gifts. Two invalid children in St. Stephen, Prov. of New Brunswick, send a large number of paper dolls to sick children in the Hospital.

A box comes to us from "A Shut-In" in memory of a dear child now safely sheltered in the Shepherd's arms. "The doll in her arms only a few hours before her death, I should like to have go from my hands, directly into those of Dr. Reifsnnyder, to whom I have written inclosing the note with the doll, in the box."

With a box from Corona, L. I., come these few words :

"The 'Mary E. Page Memorial Band' 'is so named' in memory of one of God's dear ones, who called a few children to her piazza, and

asked them if they would not like to hear about Jesus. From that small beginning came our Sabbath school. Almost all of our Band have to work for their living, and they have cheerfully given their time in the evening to fill our missionary box entering heartily into the work."

Memorial.

"On the morning of July 2d, MRS. JAMES CAREY THOMAS, President of our Baltimore Branch, was released from all earthly suffering to be forever with the Lord." Baltimore papers thus speak of this beautiful finished life.

The death of Mrs. Thomas is a great loss to Baltimore, and it is deeply mourned by thousands of people. There never was a more earnest worker in benevolence and charity, a more devoted leader in religious missions. Her grace of mind, the purity and sincerity of her zeal and the high religious spirit that was her guiding motive, all endeared her to those who had the pleasure of knowing her, and her name will be long cherished as that of one of the noblest women of Baltimore.

She was president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, a leading spirit in founding the Young Women's Christian Association of this city, was president of the Baltimore auxiliary of the McCall Mission and at the time of her death, one of the board of managers of the Baltimore Orphan Asylum. Mrs. Thomas had been an active worker of the Society of Friends, and for at least twelve years has been one of its regularly acknowledged ministers. There was scarcely a meeting or a movement of any kind for the advancement of religious work or the amelioration of suffering that she did not attend or in some way let her influence be felt.

Tenderly do we sympathize with our Baltimore Branch, who has lost a President so full of the gifts that form a leader, and whose large experience made invaluable her words of counsel. The "foot prints on the sands of time," that this rare friend has left us, in her departure, will be as enduring as eternity.

MISSION BAND DEPARTMENT.

The Eager Student.

BY H. CADDY.

ONE morning in Calcutta, as I was visiting my different pupils, I found one very busy, giving two noisy boys their breakfast. The mother gave me a seat on the bedstead, and brought out her New Testament. How she could keep her mind on what she was reading, amid the clamoring of those boys, was a marvel. I was thankful when two of them went off to school.

The eldest son, a boy of twelve, was now left seated alone, on the floor, at the head of the stairs, where the family dine, and as he ate out of the large brass dish before him, he listened to his mother's reading, of Christ's trial before Pilate. The boy joined in our conversation, answering so intelligently any questions asked about the life of Christ, that I concluded he must attend a school where the Bible was thoroughly taught. What was my surprise when I found that he had learned all this, by his own reading during his meals. The boy was so fond of reading the Bible, that his father interfered, as he was anxious for his son to do well in his school studies. The indefatigable little fellow replied "Surely Father, my eating time is my own, and I can read the Bible then." So regularly every day he sat on the floor, before his brass plate, eating his rice with one hand, while with the other he held the Bible open on the floor, and devoured its contents. He is a bright handsome boy full of life and fun, but his mind is captivated with what he reads, although I fear as yet his heart is not touched by its love.

New Year Rites.

BY S. DUTT.

MANY ceremonies usher out and in, the Hindoo old and new year. The last day of April the Hindoos have their Churruck Poojah, and Shiva is the god they propitiate for weeks before. Men and women go about in the appearance of the god and look frightful with their bodies besmeared in ashes, and wearing long tangled hair. They carry Shiva's iron weapon with three sharp points and are intoxicated or excited with Chang, a plant. I saw a woman some years ago, who sat *for hours* in the burning sun, and people came and bowed at her feet kissing the dust, going away quite satisfied, if she said something in the way of blessing. They were all eager to be of service to her, for no doubt they thought anything done to her, would be doing it to their god! She assumed great majesty and dignity and in most cases declined their services.

The other day, a man impersonated Durga. He had a yellow face and was so perfectly painted that one would think the head of a mud figure was carried over the shoulders. The favorite son Ganesh with red elephant face was astride on the left side and Shiva walking near. They stopped at every place and no one refused to give coins to them. The devotees of Shiva cut and pierce themselves mercilessly, place an earthen censer over their heads and burn incense in it.

The Governess in Japan.

BY HISA SARAKI.

Last year the Governor of Yamagata wanted some one who could teach his little daughter some English. I applied for this place as I was not quite well,

and thought the mountain air would do me good, and at the same time I could do some Missionary work there. After three days' journey in jinriksha, I reached my destination, but I was at first very sad and lonely, to find no Christians there, no church, no Sabbath Schools. Children are playing in the street, and men and women working on the Lord's days, as hard as other days because their ears have never heard of our loving Father, or our Lord Jesus. My first thought and desire was when I saw those children, to have a Sunday School for them, but as I was in the Governor's family, I could not very well invite those children as they have no clean dresses, into his beautiful home. I felt very sorry to give up this plan, but began to visit poor sick people in the Hospital. These were very glad to have me come to them often, but I could only go on Sundays, and therefore they counted the days until I came. They were eager to hear any story told, and long for some one to speak to them kindly and lovingly. I used to tell them about our Saviour, and His dying love for children, as well as grown people, and their need of Him, and before I came away, I always sang for them hymns, which seemed to ease their pains. Two children told me that they pray to our God to take them away somewhere better than where they are, and they said over and over that they believe as much as they understand.

An Old Lady of the Court.

BY YASO KATIGIRI.

The cold season of winter is passed, and we are now enjoying very fine weather. Everything in nature seems to be full of life and happiness. The cherry blossoms in our garden are lovely, and as I gaze upon

them, I think of the goodness of the Creator in giving us such beautiful things for our comfort and pleasure. Last week was our spring vacation, and one of my classmates and I went into the country for a change of air. It is a lovely place on a sea coast about fifty-five miles from Yokohama. At the hotel where we stayed, there was an old lady who was very much interested in Christianity. She has heard a little of it from the Christians who have visited the place. She came every day to our room with her New Testament, and asked questions, and we read, and talked together. She has been in service at the court, and as all her relatives are dead, and she had never married, she has adopted a son from the family in whose house we stayed. She is quite infirm, but lives alone in a little house at the back of the one occupied by the family, and has to do everything for herself. The family do not like her to believe in Christianity, and so they say many things to make her uncomfortable. We tried to comfort her and explain to her portions of the Scriptures as best we could. There is only one professed Christian in the whole village. He is a young man of twenty-two or three, and his step-mother is opposed to Christianity, so that he has great difficulty in keeping his store closed on Sundays. I am happy to say he does keep the Sabbath, in spite of the hardships. Last Sunday we, two Bible-readers who were there, the old lady and the young Christian, held a prayer meeting. We all read a portion of the Bible and prayed. The old lady offered a very simple but touching prayer. It was the first time she ever prayed aloud to her Heavenly Father. Though we were not able to enter the house of God and join the congregation in His praise, still in that quiet place, and in that small company, God was in the midst to hear and bless us.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Miss Elizabeth King, by Mrs. H. W. King, Chicago, Ill.
 Miss Helen Mackey, by Anna Hull Memorial Band, Catskill, N. Y.
 Miss M. M. Brown, by Anna Hull Memorial Band, Catskill, N. Y.
 Mrs. J. T. Robertson, by Old South Union Band, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Miki Muira, by Old South Union Band, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Miss Gertrude MacConnell, by Excelsior Band, Cranford, N. J.
 Miss Edna L. Mulford, by Earnest Workers, Roselle, N. J.

NEW MISSION BAND.

“Band of Hope,” Auxiliary to Baltimore Br. Md. Prest., Mrs. Fuller Crane.

DONATIONS.

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts for our Mission Stations :

India.—Mrs. J. C. Edwards, Morton, Pa., two packages Christmas cards, also yarn for China, and wristlets and ninety-six sheet pictures.

Mrs. Gavie, N. Y., and Miss Fellows, Brooklyn, twenty-four bags and patchwork.

Baltimore, Md.—Mrs. H. H. Clark, three boxes dolls, per Miss Annie Smith.

Plattsburgh, N. Y.—Per Mrs. M. K. Platt, package Gospel in all Lands, and from “Mite Gatherers” twelve dolls, thirteen towels, plated spoons and forks, scissors, soap and wash-cloths, pencils, etc.

Mrs. E. B. Monroe, Southport, Ct., seven koortas, six jarmars.

Miss Coxe, N. Y., five scrap-books.

New Brunswick, N. J.—Aux. *Calcutta Orphanage*, seven dolls, sixteen koortas, five skirts, Testaments, cards, etc. *Japan*.—Five pairs stockings, box handkerchiefs. Shanghai Hospital.—Four dozen towels, nine pairs pillow-cases, linen, eighteen wash-cloths and soap, bandages, worsted, foot-warmer, etc.

Bridgewater Zenana Band, Mass., thirty-nine koortas, fifty dolls, Bible, toilette towels, etc., for Cawnpore and Calcutta Orphanage.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—“In His Name Band,” cards and scrap-book.

Plainfield, N. J.—Mrs. Whiton, patchwork and cards.

Columbus, O.—No letter ; two pairs crochet shoes, three pairs stockings, needle-books, pin-cushions, towels.

Princeton, N. J.—Miss Stevens, twenty-two jarmars.

From Mary E. Hays Band, N. Y., for M. W. Hospital, ten muslin scrap-books, made by Miss May Holly's "Band of Ten," and one knitted hood.

For Miss Lathrop, Allahabad, sixty dolls, fourteen koortas, six work-bags, five teachers' dresses, twenty-four scrap-books, and four rolls patchwork. For Miss Gardner, Calcutta Orphanage, thirty scrap-books, sixteen jarmars and picture cards (some of these previously acknowledged).

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. S. W. Barber, a valuable box for Miss Hook, twenty-three dresses for native teachers, twenty-five dolls, handkerchiefs, material, etc., also a box for Miss Gardner, thirty-nine dresses, scrap-books, cambric, thimbles, scissors, handkerchiefs, skirts, lawn, woolen goods, etc., and for China, linen and book for Dr. Reifsnyder.

Calcutta.—Miss S. Wallace, Newark, N. J., twenty-six dolls, and wristlets for Dr. Reifsnyder.

Miss Edith Beck, St. Louis, five scrap-books for Miss Smith's Schools.

New London Aux., Conn., for Miss Hamilton, six books, calico, bags, dolls, handkerchiefs, etc.

Pioneer Band, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Roll of canvas and worsted for Miss Caddy.

A New York friend, twelve dolls.

D. M. Miller Memorial Band, Bridgehampton, N. Y.—Three dozen work-bags, silver thimble and scrap-book pictures.

Newark, N. J.—W. M. S., Calvary Church, two pieces muslin, cambrics and calicoes, towels, twelve yards dress material, scissors, stationery, quilt, etc.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Miss Hook, three scrap-books.

New York.—Mrs. Cyrus Field, photos for Miss Hook, Christmas cards, thirty-six yards muslin, one dozen doylies, underwear, 101 dolls, etc., also a box for Miss Lathrop, Allahabad, photos, thirty-seven and a half yards muslin, one dozen doylies, underwear, 123 dolls.

Orphanage.—Aftermath Band, Christ Memorial R. E. Church, W. Philadelphia, 200 squares patch-work, seven scrap-books, seven koortas, ten needle-books, fourteen pin-cushions, eight emeries, six pairs scissors, twelve slates, nine dolls, etc.

Earnest Workers, Roselle, N. J.—Twenty-one dolls, apron, scarf, patch-work, etc.

Princeton, N. J.—For Miss Easton : Miss Brown, pin-cushion ; Mrs. E. S. Jones, worsted work with wools and cards ; Mrs. Guyot, six koortas, five dolls, scrap-book, etc.

Miss Bulkley's School, Tarrytown, N. Y.—Ten dolls, wash-cloths and soap, patch-work, scrap-books, gifts for Miss Gardner and Shorno, and thirteen linen scrap-books for Shanghai Hospital.

Castleton, N. Y.—Two quilts, nineteen dolls, thirteen work-bags, thirteen pairs scissors, thimbles and needle-books.

New Haven, Ct.—Mrs. Dexter, six dolls, six boxes note-paper, towels, handkerchiefs, etc.

Providence Br., R. I.—Three dozen dolls, twenty-six jarmars, six skirts, two dozen handkerchiefs, three dozen towels, flannel, calico, fruit, pencils, soap, combs, etc.

Clifton Band, Cincinnati, O.—Two dozen scrap-books, two dozen dolls, koortas, pencils, books, soap, wash-rags, etc.

Coronà, L. I.—Mary E. Page Memorial Band, seven aprons, thirty-eight handkerchiefs, twelve pairs pillow-cases, sixteen towels, undergarments, dolls, pencils, soap, dresses, pictures.

Philadelphia, Pa.—H. A. Boardman and Harriet Holland Bands, Tenth Presbyterian Church, forty-three dolls, seven scrap-books, fifty bags, soap, needle-books, twenty-four pairs scissors, pencils, Bible, thimbles, picture, etc.

Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.—Mrs. J. J. McComb, twelve koortas, thirty-eight jarmars, thirty-six skirts, fifty-nine dolls, fifty-eight handkerchiefs, scrap-books, toys, pencils, cologne, material, combs, tooth-brushes, twenty yards India silk, magic lantern, soap, shawl, candy, etc.

Morristown, N. J.—Band Pearl Gatherers, eleven dolls, six koortas, four dresses, scissors cases, work baskets, pencils, four fancy whisks, etc.

Irvington, N. Y.—Mrs. J. Terry, box for Alice containing dress material and other gifts.

Allahabad.—For Miss Lathrop. From Miss Heyliger, N. Y., celestina and music.

Miss A. Miller, Mt. Vernon, O., magic lantern.

Miss Halliday, Brooklyn, cards, wristlets, bags; Mrs. Kent, soap, book.

Y. L. M. S., Cuyahoga Falls, O., nineteen dolls, twelve work-bags, seven aprons, quilt, etc., and from Mrs. Sill, Christmas cards.

Mrs. E. B. Monroe, Southport, Ct., two table-cloths.

Presbyterian Home, N. Y., five pieced quilts and two pairs stockings, Miss Allen.

Morganville, N. Y.—Mrs. J. Lathrop, seventy-five koortas, seventy-five bags, thirty-seven dolls, seventeen and a half yards calico, sachet, cards, etc.

We regret that the acknowledgment of many acceptable donations must be postponed until our November issue.

*RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America
for Heathen Lands, from June 1st to August 1st, 1888.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord, Concord Auxiliary, per
Mrs. Howard L. Porter, a
Christmas gift for their Bible
Reader Christiana, . . . \$15 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Boston Branch (see items
below), . . . \$311 50
Northampton, Missionary Society
of Smith College, per Frau
Marie Kapp for "Witta" in
Orphanage, Calcutta, 30; for
medical asst. Mrs. Tsang, M.
W. Hospital, Shanghai, 25;
for sup. Elizabeth Hopkins,
Orphanage, Calcutta, 15; for
Helen Major, Yokohama, 60;
General work, 10, . . . 140 00
"The Seelye Children," per Miss
M. A. Allen, towards support
of Mary Seelye, India, . . . 25 00
Miss M. A. Allen's collection, to
complete 106 for the year (of
which 40.50 has been previ-
ously acknowledged), . . . 65 50
Springfield, Mrs. A. S. McLean,
for M. W. Hospital, . . . 5 00
\$547 00

RHODE ISLAND.

Jamestown, Mrs. H. Audley
Clarke towards sup. of Cassie,
Yokohama, . . . \$20 00
Providence, Providence Auxili-
ary, Miss M. M. Benedict, for
freight on box, . . . 3 00
\$23 00

CONNECTICUT.

New Haven, Mrs. M. C. Read,
for M. W. Hospital, 50; for
general work, 50, . . . \$100 00

NEW YORK.

Albany, Albany Branch (see items
below), . . . \$193 10
Aqueboque L. I. Woman's Miss.
Society of Northville, per Miss
Nannie Benjamin, for Mary
Anna Aldrich, in Orphanage,
Calcutta, . . . 30 00
Brooklyn, "Old South Union
Band," per Miss. E. E. Burke,
Treas., for sup. of a child in the
Home in Japan, 60; for sup.
of Miki, 47; and to constitute
Mrs. J. T. Robertson and
Miki Muira Life Members, . . 107 00

Infant Class S. S. of Clinton Ave.
Cong. Ch., per Mr. H. E.
Jones, Treas., Memorial gift
to Mr. S. E. Warner for sick
child in M. W. Hospital, . . . \$10 00
"Pioneer Band," per Miss Mabel
L. Patterson, towards salary
of Miss Caddy, 20; personal
gift for Miss Caddy, 5, . . . 25 00
Light Bearers Band of Church
of the Pilgrims, Mrs. Robert
A. Burch, Treas., to be appro-
priated for Miss Gardner's
School, 23.50; for assistant to
Dr. Kelsey, 50; for child in
Japan, 40; for child in China,
40; for Chundon, Calcutta, 40;
for Kushum, 50, of 80,
given by Mrs. James P. Wal-
lace as a memorial gift; for
Miss Hook, Calcutta, 7.80,
given by working girls' club
of Pilgrim Chapel; also for
Miss Hook, 18.25, given by
"Earnest Workers" class of
boys; total, . . . 299 55
Plymouth Miss. Society, per Miss
E. C. Stoughton, Treas.,
to frame Dr. Beecher's picture, . . 3 00
Cohoes, Miss M. A. Vandenberg,
towards the sup. of a Bible
Reader in connection with
the Bridgman Home at Shang-
hai, . . . 24 00
Cornwall-on-Hudson, Legacy of
Mrs. Mary V. B. Powers, per
Mr. Wm. Powers, . . . 2,000 00
Corona, L.I., "Leverich Memorial
Band," per Miss Emma
Schloo, towards sup. of Miné
Shimridzu, Bible Reader,
Japan, 20; and as a thank of-
fering for her extended use-
fulness, 20, . . . 40 00
Dobbs Ferry, Miss Mary E. Mc-
Comb, for expenses on Christ-
mas box, . . . 5 00
Ithaca, per Miss J. L. Hardy,
Cong. Ch., 54.25; Mrs. J. H.
Selkoeg, 5; all for Miss
Ward's salary, . . . 59 25
Lake Hill, Woodstock, Mrs. C. J.
Lazarus, for Miss Gardner's
work, . . . 2 00
New York, Mrs. D. S. Taber, . . . 4 50
Mrs. W. A. Blakeman "In
Memoriam," . . . 20 00
Miss J. A. Hyde, . . . 50
Christian Society of Cheerful
Workers—7th Ave. Mission,
per Miss Sarah Vernon, for
Miss Gardner's work, . . . 10 00
Mrs. S. B. Hills "In Memor-
iam" of Mrs. Sarah W. Hills,

for Bible Reader in Yokohama under Mrs. Viele,	\$60 00
Mrs. F. M. Wiley, for sup. of her Bible Reader in Calcutta, also as a donation for her personal comfort and for the general work,	154 00
From two friends towards a cottage for the physicians and nurses at Shanghai,	100 00
New Brighton, S. I., Brighton Heights Mission Band, of the Reformed Ch. S. S., per Mr. Geo. W. Olliff, for sup. of girl in the Home at Yokohama,	50 00
Stapleton, S. I., Mrs. Erastus C. Bridgman,	15 00
Tarrytown, Miss Grace Barclaw, per Miss Louise Bulkley, to be expended by Miss Gardner for "Shorno" in Orphanage at Calcutta,	2 00
Utica, Mrs. G. H. S. Maynard,	2 00
White Lake, Mrs. M. A. B. Waddell,	5 00
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NEW JERSEY.

Cranford, proceeds of parlor fair held by Miss Fisher's six little pupils, contributed through "Excelsior Band" per Mrs. N. R. Park, to constitute Gertie McConnell a Life Member,	\$25 00
Elizabeth, Twenty Minute Society, per Miss Mary E. Brittin, Sec'y, a half yearly payment for Sarah Clark, Calcutta Orphanage,	15 00
Highlands, Invalids' Auxiliary, per Mrs. Proudft, Treas., to complete 50 for sup. Mrs. Wong for 1888,	23 56
Millstone, Millstone Auxiliary, per Miss L. A. Vandervoort, Treas., for two Bible Readers under Dr. Chamberlain's care, 50; for Dr. Reifsnnyder's House, and towards constituting Miss Fanny Beekman a Life Member, 40,	90 00
Morristown, Proudft Band, per J. L. Talmadge, for sup. of little Almy Vernon in Calcutta Orphanage,	30 00
Newark, W. Miss. Society of Calvary Pres. Ch., per Mrs. I. B. Hopwood, semi-ann. offering for Kamine,	15 00
Newark Auxiliary, per Mrs. E. D. G. Smith, Treas., proceeds of fair, from Woodside Zenana Band, through Miss J. A. Avery,	250 00
New Brunswick, semi-ann. payment for sup. of child in In-	

dia, one-half from Bethel Miss. S. S. and one-half from Miss. Band of the S. S. of First Ref. Ch.,	\$15 00
Orange Mountain Miss. Band, per Mrs. M. L. Morrison, for Dr. Reifsnnyder, Shanghai,	12 00
Princeton, Princeton Branch, per Miss Ellen L. A. Brown, Treas., a friend, "As a donation for the house fund Dr. Reifsnnyder mentions as having been started in Shanghai,"	3,000 00
Miss S. Stevens, for freight on gifts for China,	2 00
Roselle, "Earnest Workers," per Miss D. W. Berdan, to constitute Miss Edna L. Mulford a Life Member,	25 00
South Orange, through Foreign Mission Committee of Reformed Episcopal Church, Mr. Caldwell Morrison, Acting Treas., for Mission Work in Cawnpore; "Zenana Band" First R. E. Ch. Boston, per Chas. H. Adams Treas.	\$25 00
"Mary E. Hays Band" of First R. E. Ch., N. Y., Rev. H. T. Sabine Rector, coll. by Miss E. A. Dean (see items below),	500 00
S. S. of Christ's Memorial Ch., West Phila., per M. G. Garrigues, Treas.,	20 40
General Miss. Band, Holy Trinity R. E. Ch., Phila., Pa., Rev. F. E. Dager, Pastor, per Mrs. F. F. Christine, Treas.,	75 21
Emmanuel Mission Band, Emmanuel R. E. Ch., Newark, N. J., Rev. E. B. England, Rector, per Mrs. M. L. Morrison,	10 00
Mrs. Wm. McGuire, Pochontas, Va.,	1 00
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	\$631 61
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	\$4,134 17

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Philadelphia, Philadelphia Branch, Miss C. Remington, Treas.: For Miss Lathrop's salary,	\$150 00
For Miss Hook's salary,	150 00
"Misses Leslie and Peters' salary,	150 00
For Miss Eberle's salary,	100 00
For Dr. Reifsnnyder's salary,	125 00

For Miss Winsor's school at Sirur, Bombay, . . .	\$100 00
For Kadoo, in Orphanage, . . .	30 00
For Emma Weatherill, in Orphanage, . . .	46 00
For Onaga Kasnigi, at Yokohama, . . .	65 00
For Bridgman Home, . .	16 31
For Marg. Williamson Hospital, . . .	52 00
For a bed in Marg. W. Hospital, . . .	25 00
For Mrs. Tsang's work, . .	5 00
For day school in China or India under Episcopal care, . . .	12 50
For Mission House at Shanghai, . . .	10 00
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Total receipts from June 1st to Aug. 1st, 1888, . . .	\$9,840 03
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MRS. RUFUS WAPLES,

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*Mary E. Hays Band, First Reformed Episcopal Church,
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Mrs. Henry Rose, . . .	\$100 00
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Miss Laura Pell, . . .	30 00
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" Ella Pell, . . .	10 00
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" Goodwin,	2 00	" C. Clarke,	25
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" Whiting,	50	Miss E. Sabine,	25
Mrs. Schubert,	50	" A. Hatfield,	15
Mr. J. C. Henderson,	50	Mrs. Mary Sproutt,	25
Miss C. Kelly,	50	Donations,	1 55
Mrs. Reynolds,	50	128 Ten Cent Subs.,	12 80
Miss A. S. Tonzalin,	50		
" C. Tonzalin,	50	Total,	\$500 00

RECEIPTS of Albany Branch.

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Band "Earnest Workers" of the Emmanuel Ref. Ch., Castleton, N. Y., Miss Laura M. West- cott, Pres.,	17 00	" Temple Grove Band," Saratoga, Miss Helen W. North, Sec'y, for Shika Ino, at Yokohama,	40 10
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			\$193 10
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Mr. B. C. Hardwick,	25 00	Mr. Hiram Hitchcock, "In Mem." M. M. H.,	40 00
Mrs. J. H. Means,	10 00		\$311 50
" Francis Fuller,	1 00	MRS. HENRY JOHNSON, <i>Treas.</i>	
" John Foster,	1 00		
" Geo. Vose,	1 00		
Miss Ann Tolman,	1 00		

RECEIPTS of Chicago Branch.

Sunday School of Railroad Chapel, per C. Young, Treas., for the education of Ruth Ballard at the Bridgman Home, Shanghai,	\$40 00	Mrs. O. F. Avery, for the "M. A. M." memorial school building at Cawnpore, India, to com- plete the sum of five hundred dollars,	\$250 00
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For sup. of Mary A. Howe in	
Miss Viele's school at Yokohama, "Mission Band of	
Cheerful Givers," Washington Hts., 6 57; Union S. S. at	
Washington Hts., 18 43, semi-	
ann. payment,	\$25 00
Miss Melvin J. Neahr,	1 00
" E. Dryer,	5 00
" Clara Hunt,	3 00
Mrs. Andrews,	1 00
" Albert Keep,	5 00

Mrs. F. E. Patterson,	\$1 00
" M. G. Reynolds,	5 00
Sale of a fancy article,	50
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Less freight and expressage on	\$336 50
Miss. boxes,	1 55
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Garth, for Mary Cheery, in	
Orphanage at Calcutta,	\$0 97
"Olive Branch" contribution, per	
Mrs. M. E. Crutcher,	8 00
Per Mrs. H. M. Browne, for Lou	
Browne Dehra, 30; for Char-	
rie McElroy, Kolapoor, 30, . .	60 00

Mrs. S. L. Warren, for Mrs. Pier-	
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kohama,	25 00
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Through Mrs. C. H. Tucker, The	
Willing Workers of the R. E.	
Church of the Covenant, Wil-	
mington, Del., for Cawnpore, . .	30 00
Through Mrs. R. C. Matlack,	
Miss Hubbard,	1 00
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Church,	20 00
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Rachel Gould,	4 00
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friend for Cawnpore,	30 00
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Miss M. J. Gill,	1 00
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" H. T. Coates,	2 00
" H. L. Lipman,	1 00
Miss Kates,	2 00

Mrs. Hood,	\$2 00
Miss J. K. Hood,	2 00
" L. L. Williamson,	1 00
Mrs. S. M. Elliott,	2 00
Miss R. C. Broadbent,	2 00
Mrs. W. Waterall,	5 00
Miss Walton, LINK,	60
" Bell, "	60
Mrs. Lipman, "	60
" Waterall, "	60
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	\$25 40
Through Miss R. H. Stroud, . .	\$1 00
Through Treasurer Christ	
Memorial R. E. S. School,	
West Phila., for Sarah Emory	
Morton,	30 00
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MISS CAROLINE REMINGTON,	
Treas.	

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The amount paid by Germantown Auxiliary as reported in July LINK as \$1.00 should have been \$100.00. It was so written in the list sent, but not corrected according to the proof, which was returned, corrected.

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